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SUBJECT: IDB LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AND ANIMAL HEALTH LOAN FOR
EL SALVADOR

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1. REFTEL STATES THAT LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AND ANIMAL HEALTH LOAN WILL LIKELY COME TO A VOTE AT IDB IN JUNE.
2. USG HAS INDICATED ITS DISPOSITION TO WITHHOLD SUPPORT FROM THAT LOAN ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, AND IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SALLY SHELTON, USAID ON MAY 19 SUBMITTED ADDITIONAL DATA RELEVANT TO PROPOSED BENEFICIARIES AND BASIC HUMAN NEED ASPECTS OF THE LOAN.
3. IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE ABOVE DATA WE HAVE BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE CURRENT COMPONENT DESIGN AND INVESTMENT PLAN THAN OUR STANDARD INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER DONOR PROJECTS OF THIS NATURE NORMALLY PROVIDE. AS A RESULT, AND ASIDE FROM THE ISSUE OF ITS INTENDED BENEFICIARIES, NEITHER THE AGATT NOR USAID IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SELECTED ASPECTS OF THE CURRENT PROJECT DESIGN.

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IN THEIR TECHNICAL OPINION, LOAN PROCEEDS COULD BE BETTER APPLIED THAN AS CONTEMPLATED BY LOAN PROPOSAL. MORE EMPHASIS UPON EXTENSION WORK AND LESS ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CENTERS AND LABORATORIES MIGHT ACHIEVE FULLER COVERAGE AND BETTER RESULTS AND AT LESS COST. TO EXTENT THESE VIEWS ARE VALID, SHOULD EL SALVADOR'S LIMITED LOAN ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY BE USED UP ON WHAT MAY BE A LESS THAN OPTIMAL

APPLICATION OF FUNDS?

4. WE DO NOT PRETEND TO HAVE FINAL ANSWER HERE, NOR HAVE WE HAD SUFFICIENT EXPOSURE TO THIS LOAN PROJECT TO EXPRESS VERY AUTHORITATIVE VIEWS. BUT IF LOAN PROPOSAL IS IN FACT DEFECTIVE ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS, US OPPOSITION OR ABSTENTION ON THIS BASIS MIGHT BE PREFERABLE IN IFI CONTEXT TO ABSTENTION OR NEGATIVE VOTE ON MORE CONTROVERSIAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS.

5. FOR THIS EASON, WE SUGGEST US TECHNICIANS AT WASHINGTON TAKE FUTHER LOOK AT LOAN PROJECT, PERHAPS IN COMPANY OF IDB TECHNICAL STAFF, TO SEE WHETHER AND SECOND THOUGHTS ARE WARRANTED ON PURELY TECHNICAL GROUNDS.
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